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SUBJECT: GUYANA PROTEST TO VENEZUELA OVER GOV CLAIMS TO ESSEQUIBO
REGION

1. ACTING PERMANENT SECRETARY MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
LLOYD SEARWAR PRESENTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JUNE 16 TO
US EMBASSY INFORMING IT THAT GOG HAS PROTESTED TO GOVERNMENT
OF VENEZUELA (GOV) OVER A MAP USED IN PROSPECTUS FOR A
LOAN APPLICATION ISSUED BY GOV IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH
SHOWS DISPUTED ESSEQUIBO REGION OF GUYANA AS PART OF
VENEZUELA. GOG HAS ASKED EMBASSY TO INFORM STATE DEPART-
MENT OF PROTEST AND HAS REQUESTED STATE DEPARTMENT TO
INFORM SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION CONCERNING GOG
ACTION. SEARWAR TOLD US CHARGE THAT GOG HAS MADE MILD
PROTEST TO VENEZUELAN AMBASSADOR HERE OVER THE MATTER.

2. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
GUYANA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO
A PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS WHICH WAS ISSUED IN THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICAN ON MAY 19, 1977 BY THE REPUBLIC OF
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VENEZUELA IN CONNECTION WITH NOTES INTENDED TO BE ISSUED
IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR AN AMOUNT OF
US\$100,000,000 AND IN RESPECT OF WHICH SECURITIES A
REGISTRATION STATEMENT HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE SECURITIES
AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.

"PAGE 5 OF THE PROSPECTUS SETS OUT A MAP OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA WHICH PURPORTS TO SHOW AS PART OF

THAT REPUBLIC THE WHOLE OF THE ESSEQUIBO REGION OF THE
REPUBLIC OF GUYANA, SAVE THAT SUPERIMPOSED ON THE REGION
AS IT APPEARS IN THE MAP ARE THW WORDS, 'ZONE SUBJECT
TO PROTOCOL WITH GUYANA'. PAGE 8 OF THE PROSPECTUS
INCLUDES THE WORDS, 'THERE IS A ZONE TO THE EAST OF THE
COUNTRY, PRESENTLY ADMINISTERED BY GUYANA, WHICH HAS BEEN
CLAIMED BY VENEZUELA AND IS NOW SUBJECT OF A PROTOCOL
SIGNED IN JUNE 1970 WHEREBY THE TWO COUNTRIES AGREED TO
A MORATORIUM ON THIS QUESTION FOR A PERIOD OF TWELVE
YEARS.'

"IT IS THE CONSIDERED VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
GUYANA THAT, HAVING REGARD TO THE PURPOSE OF THE
PROSPECTUS, THE MAP, COUPLED WITH THE WORDS USED ON
PAGE 8 WOULD INEVITABLY TEND TO DISCOURAGE ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF GUYANA AS A
WHOLE AND IN PARTICULAR IN THE ESSEQUIBO REGION OF THE
REPUBLIC.

" IN VIEW OF THIS TENDENCY THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA
HAS LODGED A FORMAL PROTEST WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF
VENEZUELA ABOUT THE PROSPECTUS ON THE GROUND THAT IT
IS CONTRARY TO THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO
GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THE TREATMENT OF BOUNDARY AFFAIRS
DURING THE MORATORIUM PERIOD PROVIDED FOR BY THE PROTOCOL
OF PORT-OF-SPAIN 1970 AND THAT IT IS IN ANY EVENT
PREJUDICIAL TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE TWO COUNTRIES WHICH HAS BEEN HAPPILY TAKING PLACE
OVER RECENT YEARS.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS THE
EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO INFORM THE
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STATE DEPARTMENT OF THE FOREGOING AND TO REQUEST THAT
DEPARTMENT IN TURN TO INFORM THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
COMMISSION OF THE PROTEST WHICH THE GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA
HAS LODGED WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF VENEZUELA ABOUT THE
PROSPECTUS.

"THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF
GUYANA AVAILS ITSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES
OF ITS HIGHEST CONSIDERATION." END TEXT.
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